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REMARKS

By this amendment, claims 1-5 and 7-10 are pending, in which claims 6 and 11 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1 and 7 are currently amended. No new matter is introduced.

The Office Action mailed February 2, 2007 rejected claims 1-5 and 7-10 as obvious under 35 U.S.C. § 103 based on *Bryant et al.* (U.S. 6,850,238) in view of *Engholm et al.* (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0063568).

As an initial matter, Applicants note that the Office Action appears to have inadvertently omitted *Engholm et al.* in the statement of the rejection (page 2, item 3).

Applicants appreciate the indication that claims 6 and 11 are allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In the interest of advancing prosecution, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 7 to incorporate the allowable features in the dependent claims 6 and 11, respectively. According the obviousness rejection is rendered moot.

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Therefore, the present application, as amended, overcomes the objections and rejections of record and is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any unresolved issues remain, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (703) 519-9952 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

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